

**THE VIRTUE OF ECONOMY.**

It was one of the follies of Robert Burns to imagine that saving was a sordid and small occupation. The poor gleaner of his bread from the sterile Scottish glebe might be pardoned that weakness and despair if anybody could. It was the apparent hopelessness of making headway against his cruel fortune which made Burns affect to despair the pains taking thrift of his neighbors, not a sense that it was mean and inferior. He must have admired their stern courage, their heroic poverty. His shiftlessness was not due to the possession of genius, but to self-indulgence and irresolution. We who have milder difficulties and more lenient fortunes, are without the excuse of his unhappy circumstances, and must not make the mistake of attributing that to his greater qualities which is really due to those human weaknesses which he shared in common with his kind.

The truth is that economy is always a necessary and noble quality, is often a heroic one. It is especially fine in those men who care little for money in itself. Thrift may become a passion just as self-indulgence may become a passion; it is the duty of reason to curb and regulate both. The man who has once begun to save, soon finds it a greater pleasure to add fifty dollars to his little pile than to spend that sum upon a tailor or a caterer. As soon as he begins to confuse the means with the ends, reason should demonstrate that the present has its demands as surely as the future has its exigencies. So, when long habits of self-pampering have taught one to think that he must have everything he wants, it is good to learn to deny himself. It is odd to see the tricks and deceptions we play upon ourselves.

We judge of our need by our habits. "We used to pay so much for our dinner; we used to go to such a place for our summer vacation," whether we need such a dinner, or to go to such a hotel, does not occur to us. The great virtue of economy, we may remark, is to economize to-day and not to-morrow; for in the future virtue looks attractive, and then it has none of those prosaic difficulties which beset it just now. It makes not the least difference about the triviality of the economy. Truth and wisdom are qualities which ennoble any action they may touch, however sordid and common these actions may seem to our prejudiced and uneducated eyes.

**CHARACTER MAKES THE MAN.**

The man of character is always the man of iron nerve; he may be neither a great Statesman nor politician; he may be humble in his associations and his aspirations; but with all these exceptions, if he has character, his heart is right, his integrity is unshaken. He looks on truth with a clear vision, acting in accordance with its supernal dictates; he does not fear nor shun the face of his fellowman, for his soul is white with integrity, and he looks humbly and trustingly up to the eternal sources of truth, and his fellow-beings, in a lowlier sense, look up to him because he is trustworthy, and, in short, has character—good and stable character. Character is the corner stone in individual greatness—the Doric and splendid column in the majestic structure of a true and dignified man, who is at present a subject and a king. Such is the true type of perfect manhood; to earth belongs his corruptible body—to another and more enlarged sphere, his soul, stamped with divinity.

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**THE DUTIES OF YOUTH.**

The first years of man must make provisions for the last. He that never thinks never can be wise. Perpetual levity ends in ignorance; and intemperance, though it may fire the spirits for an hour, will make life short and

miserable. Let us consider that youth is of no long duration, and that in mature age, when the enchantments of fancy shall cease, and phantoms of delight dance no more about us, we shall have no comforts but the esteem of wise men, and the means of doing good; let us therefore stop, while to stop is in our power; let us live as men who are sometime to grow old, and to whom it will be the most dreadful of all to count their past years by follies, and to be reminded of their former luxuriance of health only by the maladies which riot has produced.

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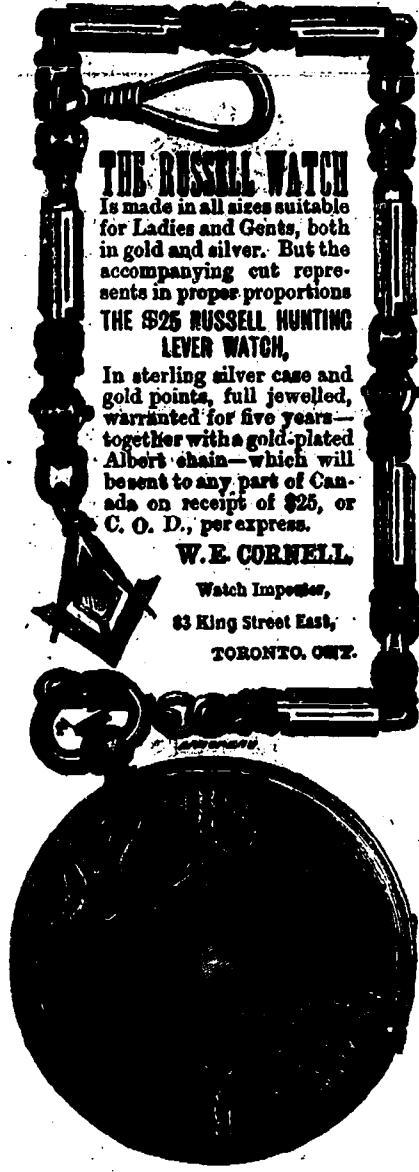
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